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IN THE HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

Writ Petition. No. 2288 /2003

PETITIONER:

1 Khoobchand Verma S/o Chandrika Prasad Verma aged about 35 yrs. Occ-Tribal Welfare Department, Resi of P.O. Singhola, Th-Balod, Dist-Durg (C.G.)

2 Ashok Kumar Tiwari S/o Shri R.S. Tiwari aged about 33 yrs occu-^ Tribal Welfare Department Resi of P.O. Thema Bugurg, Block-Dondi, Distt Durg. (C.G.)

3 Mrs. Sunita Yadav W/o Pramod Yadav aged 38 yrs. occu-^ Tribal Welfare Department Resi of High School Guduru Block-Dondi, Durg (C.G.)

4 Ramesh Vishwakarma S/o Badri Prasad aged 40 yrs. occu- Tribal Welfare Department Resi of Middle School Mangal Tarai, P.O. Songhola, Teh-Balod, Dist-Durg (C.G.)

P.R. No. 9133/03 Presented by Shri Nanda Shrivastava dated 29.08.03

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VERSUS:

RESPONDENTS:

1 State of Chhattisagrh through secretary department of higher School Education D.K.S. Bhawan Raipur C.G.

2 Commissioner tribal welfare department Chhattisgarh Raipur (C.G.)

3 Commissioner Public instruction Raipur division Raipur C.G.

Attested 26/10/06 Annexed as per Court order dated 23.8.06

Reds 25.8.06

Hs. Adv.

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Writ Petition Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ of Certiorari/Mandamus

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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

W. P. No. 281/2004

Petitioners : Manoj Kumar Mersa & others

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. No. 3318/2003

Petitioners : Mrs. Manisha Solomon & others

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. No. 2271/2003

Petitioners : Manshaurrahn Khan & others

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. No. 2288/2003

Petitioners : Khoobchand Verma & others

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

And

W. P. No. 2450/2003

Petitioner : Ku. Meena Bhardawaj

Versus

Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish K. Agnihotri, J

Smt. Hamida Siddique, counsel for the petitioners.

Shri Sushil Dubey, Government Advocate for the respondents/State.

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ORAL ORDER

(1st September, 2006)

The following order of the Court is passed by **Satish K. Agnihotri, J.**

1. By this petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India the petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to pay the increments and seniority on the basis of the date of their initial appointments in the light of the decision rendered by the learned State Administrative Tribunal, Jabalpur in O.A. No. 1452/98 (Harish Chand Singh & others Vs. State of M.P. & others) dated 31.1.2000, O.A.No. 802/98 (Akhilesh Mishra & others Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh & others) and O.A.No. 991/98 (Ramayan Prasad Dwivedi & others Vs. State of M.P. & others).

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners placed on record a copy of the order dated 23. 3. 2006 passed by this Court in Writ Petition No. 2577/2003 (NemSingh Thakur and others Vs. State of Chhattisgarh & others) and submits that the petitioners are similarly situated, therefore the similar order may be passed.

3. The present writ petitions, being Writ Petitions No. 281/2004, 3318/2003, 2271/2003, 2288/2003 and 2450/2003, involve common identical facts and common question of law. Thus, these petitions are being disposed of by this common order.

4. The cases of the petitioners are that they were appointed as Upper Division Teachers in the School Education Department on probation for a period of two years with the fixed salary. However, later on after completion of two years tenure the petitioners were regularized but they were not being given the regular pay scale. Other similarly

situated teachers moved the State Administrative Tribunal, Jabalpur for regular pay scale, wherein learned Tribunal vide order dated 31.1.2000 allowed the same. The petitioners made several representations to accord the same treatment as they are also similarly situated Upper Division Teachers but the respondents have not paid any heed, therefore they are forced to file this petition.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners may be allowed to make a representation to the Respondent No. 1 to give similar treatment to the petitioners and the same pay scale which have been sanctioned to other similarly situated teachers on account of the order of the State Administrative Tribunal dated 31.1.2000, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, in the opinion of this Court the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners appears to be reasonable. Therefore, the petitioners are allowed to make a representation within a period of two weeks from today to the respondent No. 1, raising all their grievances and in turn the Respondent No.1 shall decide the said representation in an objective manner within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of such representation, after considering all the points raised by the petitioners and taking into account the order dated 31.1.2000 passed by the learned State Administrative Tribunal in O.A. No. 1452/98, and if the petitioners stand on the same footings, as the petitioners in the

O.A. No. 1452/98 then they be also sanctioned the same pay scale and seniority.

7. These writ petitions are accordingly disposed of with the aforesaid direction. No order as to costs.

8. A copy of this order be placed in the record of other four connected writ petitions.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

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